

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-20 and 42-43 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to improve the language in what is believed to be a non-narrowing fashion.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

It is believed that the instant claims overcome all the rejections of the application.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 26, 2004, and for making an initialed PTO-1449 Form of record in the application.

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The rejections are believed to be overcome, obviated or rendered moot, in that no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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